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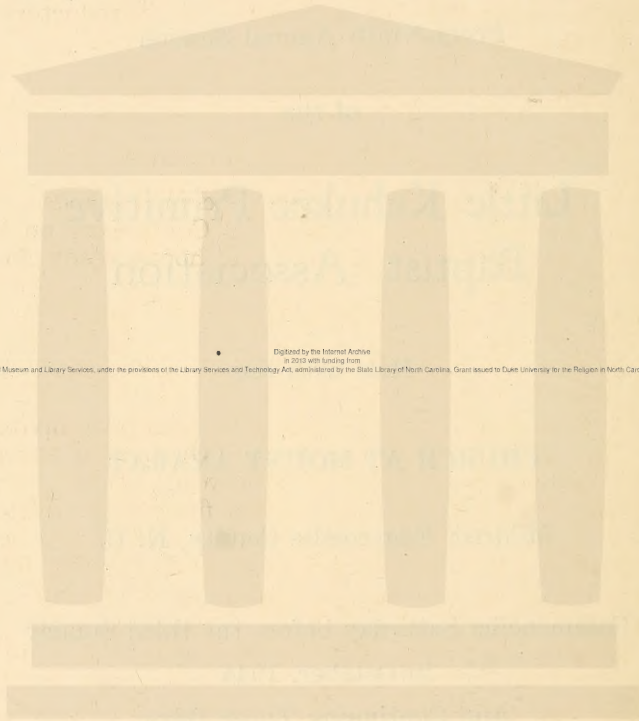

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PROCEEDINGS

Saturday Morning, October 14

The Forty-Ninth Annual Session of the Little Kehukee Association convened with the Church at Mount Ararat on Saturday before the third Sunday in October, 1944, continuing three days.

Elder King W. Jones opened the service with hymn 333 and prayer. He proceeded to preach the introductory sermon. Text, Is. 40-9.

The moderator, after proper remarks, sang a hymn of praise and dismissed the people, one hour for recess.

Saturday Evening Conference

After recess the church reassembled in the house.

Elder Wm. Thompson opened the Conference on hymn 353 and prayer, and pronounced the house ready for the transaction of business.

On motion agreed, Elder A. Hyman continued as moderator of this Association.

On motion agreed, Elder K. W. Jones be the clerk of this Association.

On motion agreed, all visiting brethren are invited to seats. take a part in our conference. On motion agreed, a door be opened for the reception of new members.

On motion agreed, we appointed a finance committee as follows: T. W. Haywood, Henry Harris and T. Joyner.

On motion agreed, we named Edward R. Knight, John R. Parker and Colonius Cotten, committee on preaching.

On motion agreed, we send Elder Abram Hill to the stand to preach for the people, and Bro. Will Jones to record the preacher's text.

On motion agreed, we hear reports from our correspondence.

Elder Wm. Thompson of the Durham Association, also Elder Thomas Bess of the Turner Swamp Association, came forward with files of minutes. They were received. The moderator and clerk extending the right hand of fellowship.

On motion agreed, the roll of Churches was called, presenting Letters and Contributions as follows:

Church	*Messenger*	*Contribution*
Bryant Chapel	D. Bellamy, K. W. Jones	$12.00

Long Branch—Ed Knight	10.00
Leggett Chapel—Absent	
Logsboro—Absent.	
Pleasant Grove—C. Batte, T. Joyner	12.00
Thornes Hill —T. Joyner, McCouncil	12.00
Hills Chapel—S. Hyman	3.00
Little Tarboro—M. Langley	9.00
Mount Ararat—H. Harris	14.00
Total received from Churches	$72.00

On motion, the report of Churches be received.

On motion, we open a door for petitioning letters. None came.

On motion, a petition be put in for the next Association.

Agreed the next Association be held with the Church at Pleasant Grove. Elder A. Hyman to preach the Introductory sermon. Alternate, Elder King W. Jones.

On motion, the committee on preaching reported as follows:

Sunday A. M.—Elder Wm. Thomas, Elder Thomas Bess, Elder A. Hill. Worship commences at 10:30.

Sunday P. M.—Elder K. W. Jones, Elder A. Hyman to close. Moved the report be received.

Monday A. M.—Elder Wm. Thompson, Moderator to close.

The above report subject to amendment.

Moved Conference adjourn until Monday at 9 o'clock A. M.

ORDER OF PREACHING

Saturday Morning, October 14

Elder K. W. Jones preached the introductory sermon. Text, Is. 40-9.

Saturday Evening

Elder Abram Hill, Text John 14 chapter.

Elder Wm. Thompson, no special text.

Sunday Morning

Elder Wm. Thompson. Text I Sam. 16, 11.

Elder Thomas Bess. Text Saint Mat. 11.

Elder Abram Hill. Text Saint John, 1, vs. 1, 2, 3.

The moderator sang hymn 154, and dismissed the people, one hour for dinner.

Sunday Evening

Elder Ernest Tillery open on hymn 337 and prayer. Text Proverb 8-1.

Elder J. A. Armstrong, text Is. 26-1.

Elder K. W. Jones. Text: "Be of good cheer, for I have overcome the world."

Moderator sang hymn 284, and with a benediction dismissed the people till Monday, 9 o'clock A. M.

Monday Morning Conference

Elder Wm. Thompson opened Conference on hymn 141 and prayer. He then pronounced the house ready for the transaction of business.

On motion agreed, the roll of Churches was called. All present except Leggett Chapel and Logsboro.

On motion agreed, that, Saturday's proceedings be read.

Moved the minutes be received, with necessary corrections. On motion agreed, the circular letter was read, and it was moved the cirular letter be received and attached to the minutes. Agreed Elder K. W. Jones write the circular letter for the 1945 session.

Agreed, we send Elder Wm. Thompson to the stand to preach for the people and Bro. C. Cotten to record the preacher's text.

Elder Wm. Thompson chose Elder A. Hyman and Elder K. W. Jones to visit the Durham Association in 1945.

The Turner's Swamp messengers were not present on Monday. No change so far as we know.

On motion, the Finance Committee made their report as follows:

Taken up at the table	$ 83.75	
Taken at the stand	35.27	
Total amount	$119.02	
Total expenses		$114.02
Left in treasury		5.00
		$119.02

On motion agreed, the report of the Finance Committee was received and the committee honorably disharged.

Agreed—We have 250 minutes printed for distribution among the Churches. One to be retained on file.

Agreed—To allow the clerk ten dollars for his services

and thirty dollars for printing the minutes.

On conclusion of business conference adjourned with praise.

Elder A. Hyman, Moderator.

K. W. Jones, Clerk.

Disbursements

For printing minutes	$30.00
Clerk's fee	10.00
Elder A. Hyman	12.00
Elder K. W. Jones	8.00
Elder Wm. Thompson	11.00
Elder J. A. Armstrong	3.00
Elder E. Tillery	3.00
Finance Committee	12.00
Committee on Arrangements	9.00
For labor	5.00
Elder Thomas Bess	5.00
Elder Abram Hill	4.00
Miscellaneous	2.02
Total Expenses	$114.02
Left in Treasury	5.00
Grand Total	$119.02

Monday Morning Worship

Elder Wm. Thompson opened service and preached. Text not recorded.

The moderator then rose and made some very appropriate remarks on the faith, and the ordinances of the church, and after returning thanks to Almighty God for His blessings; and to the people of this community for their hospitality in caring for this Association, sang a hymn of praise, and with a benediction, dismissed the congregation.

Thus the Association adjourned to reconvene at the time and place hereinbefore designated.

Elder A. Hyman, Moderator,

Elder K. W. Jones, Clerk.

Ordained Elders and Post Office Addresses

Elder A. Hyman ..... Tarboro, R. F. D.
Elder James Dickens ..... Tarboro, R. F. D.
Elder K. W. Jones ..... Tarboro, R. F. D. No. 2
Elder Joe Louis ..... Whitakers, R. F. D.

Licensed Preacher: Bro. Henry Harris

Tarboro, N. C.

Standing of Churches

Bryant Chapel—Received by baptism or otherwise, none. Excluded, none. Dismissed by letter, none. Lost by death, none. Number in fellowship, 11. Sunday of meeting, the second. Pastor, Elder James Dickens.

Long Branch—Received by baptism or otherwise, none. Dismissed by letter, none. Lost by death, none. Number in fellowship, 12. Sunday of meeting, the third. Pastor, Elder James Dickens.

Logsboro—Absent.

Legget Chapel—Absent.

Pleasant Grove—Received by Experience of grace, 2. None received otherwise, dismissed none, excluded, none, lost by death, none. Number in fellowship, 18. Sunday of meeting, the fourth. Pastor, Elder A. Hyman.

Thorn's Hill—Pastor, Elder K. W. Jones. Received by baptism or otherwise, none. Dismissed by letter, none, restored, none, excluded, none, lost by death, none. Number in fellowship, 19. Sunday of meeting, the third.

Hills Chapel—Received by baptism or otherwise, none, dismissed by letter, none, restored, none, excluded, none, lost by death, none. Number in fellowship, 4. Sunday of meeting, the third. Pastor, Elder A. Hyman.

Little Tarboro—Received by baptism, none. None received otherwise, dismissed by letter, none, excluded, none, restored, none, lost by death, none. Number in fellowship, 12. Pastor, Elder A. Hyman. Sunday of meeting, second.

Mount Ararat—Received by baptism, one. None received otherwise, dismissed by letter, none, restored, none, lost by death, none, excluded 5. Number in fellowship, 22. Pastor, Elder A. Hyman. Sunday of meeting, the first.

CIRCULAR LETTER

Dear Brethren, Ministers and Messengers of the
Little Kehukee Association:

Last year you chose me to write the circular letter for

the 1944 Session of our Association.

I now make the feeble attempt, trusting that in the strength of the Lord, I shall be able to perform the task to which I am assigned.

First of all I exhort you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, be faithful and true, walking in that beautiful light of God, who has commanded you—little children love ye one another as I have loved you.

Let brotherly love continue. Pray for us, dear brethren, for we trust we have a good conscience willing to live honestly.

Now the God of patience that brought again from the dead, our Lord Jesus Christ—that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Heb. 13, 18-21. Amen.

Most humbly submitted,
Your brother in Christ, I trust,
K. W. Jones.

OBITUARY

In sad remembrance of our beloved brother, the late P. H. Thorpe, who departed this life, September 1, 1944, age, 84 years. A good brother he was, and while we miss him, so much, we bow our heads in humble submission to the will of God, who doeth all things well. Having this faith and consolation that he is gone from the evil to come, from Labor to Reward, wherefore, our loss is heaven's gain. Gone but not forgotten.

Elder K. W. Jones.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

We, the Messengers of the several Churches composing the Little Kehukee Primitive Baptist Association, agree for the satisfation of our brethren and friends, to publish an abstract of the principles of faith upon which we unite and will endeavor with the help of the Lord to maintain:

1. We believe in the being of God Almighty, Eternal, unchangeable, of infinite wisdom, power, justice, holiness,

goodness, mercy and truth, and that this God has revealed Himself in His word under the character of Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

2. We believe that Almighty God has made known His mind and will to the children of men in His word, which word we believe to be divine authority and contain all things necessary to be known for the salvation of men the same as comprehended or contained in the books of the Old and New Testaments.

3. We believe that God, before the foundation of the world for the purpose of His own glory, did elect a certain number of men and angels to eternal life, and that this election is particular, eternal and unconditional on the creature's part.

4. We believe that when God made man He was good and upright, but by his own transgression he fell from the good and upright state and being the head and representative of the whole human race, they being His natural offspring, he involved all of them in the same ruined state with himself and they are partakers of and exposed to the miseries which sprang from his disobedience.

5. We believe that it is utterly out of the power of man as fallen creature to keep the law of God perfectly, or to truly repent of his sins, or to believe in Christ, except he be drawn in by the Holy Ghost.

6. We believe that in God's own appointed time and way the elect will be called, justified, pardoned and sanctified, and that it is impossible that they utterly refuse the call, but shall be willing by divine grace to receive mercy.

7. We believe that justification in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ, received and appointed by faith.

8. We believe that God's elect will be converted and born again by the effectual working of the holy spirit.

9. We believe that those that are called by grace and born again persevere in holiness and never fall finally away.

10. We believe it is the duty incumbent on all God's people to religiously, not in the old covenant way of seeking life and the favor of the Lord by it, but only as a duty from the principle of love.

11. We believe in baptism and the Lord's Supper are gospel ordinanes, both belonging to the converted as true believers.

12. We believe every church is independent in matters of discipline, and that Association councils and conferences of ministers, or churches, are not to impose on the church the keeping, holding or maintaining any principle of practice contrary to the church judgment.

13. We believe in the general resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust, and the final judgment.

14. We believe the punishment of the wicked is everlasting and the joys of the righteous eternal.

15. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances unless he is called and comes under the imposition of hands by the presbytery.

16. Lastly, we believe that for the mutual comfort, union and satisfaction of the several churches of the aforesaid faith and order, we ought to meet in an Association capacity wherein each church ought to be represented by the Messengers to advise each other in conference.